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Baldemu language

Baldemu, or **Mbazlam**, is a nearly extinct Afro-Asiatic language spoken in northern Cameroon. Speakers have been shifting to Fulfulde.[1]

Baldemu	
Mbazlam	
Baldare	
Native to	Cameroon
Region	Far North Province
Native speakers	4 (2003)[1]
Language family	Afro-Asiatic ▪ Chadic ▪ Biu–Mandara ▪ North ▪ Maroua[2] ▪ **Baldemu**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bdn
Glottolog	bald1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/bald1241)[3]
Coordinates: 10°51′N 14°38′E	

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The language is (or was) known as *Baldemu* or *Baldare* to its speakers.[4] It is sometimes rendered *Baldamu*, *Balda*, *Mbazlam*, or *Mbazla*.

Status

Since migrating from the surrounding mountains to the village of Balda, Baldemu speakers have shifted to Fulfulde. Baldemu speakers who migrated to Kaélé similarly shifted to Mundang.[4]

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